



Heads Up

December 20, 2013

Reminder: Bring a Buddy Day at CA is on Monday, January 20 from 8:30-12:30. Does your Osprey have a community friend in 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th grade that he or she would like to bring to school for a fun-filled morning and special lunch? If yes, complete the attached registration form and submit to Hilary Scott by Wednesday, January 15!

Third Grade: We have been busy preparing for the holidays by reading the novel The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. It has been a wonderful novel to share and to explore vocabulary as we all look forward to Christmas with our families. Our writing and vocabulary activities have centered around this novel as well. We look forward to reading some non-fiction in January when we return to school.

“The one thing that does not abide by majority rule is a person’s conscience.” In the eighth grade Literature study of Harper Lee’s classic novel To Kill a Mockingbird, protagonists Scout and Jem struggle to reconcile their emerging concepts of justice and integrity with the norms they find in the rural south of the 1930s. This Pulitzer prize-winning work of fiction is one of the most widely taught novels—and with good reason. It is an important book! Check out the class’s explanation of its impact:

- “It says something universal about human nature....Atticus Finch stood up even when he risked himself and his family.”
- Caleb Lewis and Evan Steensma
- “Hatred is something you pick up from the people around you.”
- Francesca Wilson
- “Nothing is born that desires hate.”
- Jaylyn Kreimes
- “Culture can impact a child’s whole life.”
- Wilson Throckmorton
- “It is important to learn to respect different people from different cultures.”
- Dany Alfaro
- “This book connects so much to real life.”
- Wells Young
- “Each person needs to do what they think is right with courage. Society’s opinions are not always morally right.”
-Hannah Stout, Aline Johnson and Erin McClain
- “Even if everyone likes or is doing something, you don’t have to do it: it is your choice.”
-Nash Carrington
- “Even if people will judge you on something, have integrity, and do the right thing for others.”
- Avery Shivers
- “Even one person can make a change in the world.”
- David Stinson
- “Individual members of a race are too different from one another to really think they are all the same.”
- Brian Major and Trevor Revere
- “Don’t let society hold you from what is right: change it”
- Chase Tambellini

New featured artist! Please stop by the featured artist board in the front office to check out the wonderful work of Abby Souders. Mrs. Smith is lining up artists for the new year, so please let her know if you are interested in sharing your artwork (ssmith@chesapeakeacademy.org)

Pre-algebra Update (written by Millie Tompkins): After the faculty and student feedback forms were counted, Eliza Carr Schmidt was announced the winner of the Cell Phone Challenge that involved ratios, proportions, and creative thinking. Eliza Carr says, “I was thinking about something that would fit in your hand well.” Eliza Carr was a human factor specialist, which is one of the three jobs we worked with that had to do with the ability to use the phone and the proportions of the design. We had to present the cell phone with an Animoto video or a brochure. Eliza Carr said that she used the brochure to get across more information and ratios instead of the 30 second video. Her target audience was the younger group and young, adventurous adults because the design was modern and if you’re outdoors and moving around a lot, the phone is easy to grab with your hand. The material is a harder rubber that can be dropped without worry. The cell phone challenge was a big hit with the 7th grade mathematicians. Also, based on evaluations done by faculty and other students, five additional other awards were given: Anika Samoyoa won for the best slogan (“It’s so cool, it’s cold...); Mears Pollard was awarded with best target audience with a big phone for elder people; Russell Parker won the faculty’s favorite award; and Hunter Hollingsworth won the best effects in his Animoto video with the sound of “the Predator.” We’ll finish off the rest of 2013 with a mathastic 12 Days of Christmas challenge. We have learned about Pascal’s Triangle and patterns that have to do with Christmas. We hope you have a Merry Christmas!

On the court: The basketball season is underway! The Varsity boys have a 2-0 record and the Varsity girls team is 1-1 in the conference. The next game for Varsity is January 8th at St. Clare Walker. The junior varsity teams will begin play on January 16th at home against Aylett.

’Tis the Season: A big thanks to everyone who participated in our recent fundraising events. Winter is always a busy season, and taking the time to help others is always appreciated. So far this year, you donated over 500 pounds of food to local families, decorated trees to support the YMCA Guardian Program, provided winter wear for the less fortunate, and collected pocket change to buy Christmas presents and dinner for seven children. Just during Penny Wars alone, we raised \$1,873.54. While the true winners are the recipients of your generosity, I do want to congratulate the Pre-K 3&4 and Kindergarten classes on winning the competition, and I want to give a special mention to the third graders who overall raised the most money. It is important to note that we have made a big difference in the lives of local families. What you do doesn’t go unnoticed. Have a happy holiday, everyone!
Best Wishes and Big Thanks,
Kimberly Dynia and Student Council

A winter break activity idea from Ms. Macauley: Remember that books can be the destination! Public libraries have great hours during this break time. Book stores can also be a grand adventure of exploration. Remember to listen to audio books on trips in the car!

Update from CAPP (submitted by Katie Dew): This year so far, CAPP has been doing some exciting things. We had the Apple Sales, which made almost \$3000. Thanks to Chris

Cammarata for chairing this fundraiser plus Esther & Janet and many others who helped, traveled and sorted! We have also done the Back to School Night, School Picnic & helped with the Oyster Roast. Osprey Nest continues to be a success thanks to Betsy and her many volunteers. Box Tops is doing well thanks to Helen Dillon and the youngsters. We have raised over \$300 so far (keep collecting..no pick up in Dec., so be ready on January 31st!) The Christmas parade chaired by Phoebe and Mark Hollingsworth was amazing and the float brought home the Grand Marshall's Award. Thanks to Susan Young and Chris Cammarata for bringing the food for the parade kids! We are always so thrilled to have volunteers in all that we do. It truly means a lot when we have the parents' support with the many roles in CAPP. All that we do helps our children. Thank you so much to each and everyone of you! Merry Christmas and we look forward to the many wonderful things in the New Year!

2014 Auction News! Hey, everyone! It's your auction chair here. It's time to motivate and get feet on the street to gear up for this year's auction! The theme is Midnight in Paris because, you know, everything changes at midnight. Mystery and excitement await! To make it all happen we need your help. Feet on the street means we need you to step-up and take on the job of procuring items for our live and silent auction. If everyone took on 2-3 sponsors/donors, we'd be done in a jiff. We're focusing on an 8-week sprint starting in January. Come to the CAPP meeting on Wednesday, January 8th, at 8:30 am for more information (like electronic bidding!) and to sign up to solicit certain donors. And, be thinking BIG for the live items. EVERYONE has connections. Let's use them!

New annual traditions: Remember that every child is "A Reader" when given a book they want to read! So, pick out this year's must have gift (a book!) and wrap it. Make a homemade "Gift Certificate" for a trip to a book store to pick a book! Order an e-book to be read by your child on your Kindle or Nook! Establish an "Audible" account as a gift to the family! SO many options! But, make it a tradition, or keep the tradition! Happy reading!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, January 6: Classes resume

Wednesday, January 8: Dress uniform; CAPP meeting (8:30 am)

Friday, January 10: Dodgeball night (7:00 - 9:00 pm)